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E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: ETRD,JA  
SUBJ: JAPANESE PERCEPTIONS OF U.S. STEEL POLICY

REF: TOKYO 11557

1. JAPANESE PRESS HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO GOJ STEEL REPRESENTATIVE AMAYA'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN U.S. FOLLOWING HIS MEETINGS WITH SENIOR USG AND LABOR OFFICIALS. HIS GENERAL CONCLUSION WHICH IS PLAYED BY ALL PAPERS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN THAT U.S. WISH IS FOR SOME STRENGTHENING OF PRICES AT WHICH JAPANESE STEEL IS OFFERED IN U.S. MARKET, BUT NOT THROUGH AN ORDERLY MARKETING ARRANGEMENT. AMAYA IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT USG WANTS TO SOLVE THE STEEL PROBLEM THROUGH PRICE-RELATED ACTIONS SUCH AS ADOPTING MEASURES TO CONTROL "DUMPING."

2. THE SAME PAPERS HOWEVER GIVE COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT'S EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERNING ABOUT PRICING POLICIES OF U.S. STEEL FIRMS IN DOMESTIC MARKET. SO FAR NEWS SOURCES ARE NOT DRAWING ANY SPECIFIC CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE TWO SETS OF STORIES, BUT THEY HAVE APPEARED ON SAME PAGES.

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3. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING FULL BRIEFING FROM AMAYA WHEN HE RETURNS BUT IT APPEARS TO US THAT MITI AND THE JAPANESE STEEL INDUSTRY WILL BE CONFUSED ABOUT THE SIGNALS THEY ARE GETTING.

4. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT GOJ IS PROCEEDING WITH SINCERITY IN AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID A SITUATION

WHICH WILL DAMAGE U.S.- JAPAN RELATIONS. I HOPE THAT  
HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION CAN BE FOCUSED ON THIS PROBLEM  
AND SOME CLEARER DEFINITION BE BROUGHT TO IT.  
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